

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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NEW ALL WAY STOP IN BANKS COUNTY - STATE ROUTE 51 AT STATE ROUTE 63

HOMER, Ga. – Georgia DOT District Engineer Todd McDuffie announces a new All Way Stop to be installed at the intersection of State Route 51 and State Route 63 in Banks County.

"DOT traffic engineers have studied the intersection of State Route 51 and State Route 63. After a detailed review of traffic counts, traffic patterns and accident data we have determined this intersection warrants an all way stop. We will also install rumble strips as you approach the intersection and two sets of new all way stop ahead warning signs. Currently, traffic on SR 63 must stop and yield of traffic on SR 51. The new signs and rumble strips will be installed Wednesday morning if weather allows," McDuffie explained.

This change will enhance safety as all motorists at the intersection will now be required to come to a complete stop before crossing the intersection. DOT and the Banks County Sheriff's Department will monitor the area to ensure that drivers are following the new stop situation.

Each day, hundreds of Georgia Department of Transportation employees and contractors work on dozens of highway, bridge and intersection improvements throughout the state. Their work often brings them and heavy machinery in close proximity to travel lanes. Fifty-seven Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors' workers have been killed in highway work zone accidents since 1973. Please help us prevent these tragedies by slowing down; being especially attentive and cautious as you pass through construction work zones; and always driving responsibly. Safer Driving; Safer Work Zones; For Everyone.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia's economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. Georgia is the 6th fastest growing state in the nation, yet 49th in per capita spending on transportation. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia's economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our website (www.dot.ga.gov).